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JOINED.

Gr. W. C. Jackson having joined is
allotted Corps No. 2018 and posted to
No. 2 Section Art. Btry.

Pte. R. M. Austin having joined is
allotted Corps No. 2019 and posted to
Scouts Coy. (No. 3 Section).

RESIGNED.

Pte. D. C. Beadell is permitted to
resign from 9.8.16. Corps order No. 2 of
25.7.16 is hereby cancelled.

LEAVE.

Corps order No. 1 of 25.5.16 is can-
celled from this date.

Pte. J. C. Fletcher is granted 1
month's leave from 9.8.16.

Spr. A. Kinross is granted 1 month's
leave from 9.8.16.

Spr. F. Garcia is granted 2 months'
leave from 8.8.16.

Pte. A. L. Ramsey is granted 1 month's
leave from 5.8.16.

Pte. C. C. Stark is granted 1 month's
leave from 12.8.16.

Le-Cpl. B. S. Selma is granted 14
days' leave from 11.8.16.

Pte. E. W. L. Martin is granted 1
month's extension of leave from 20.8.16.

TRANSFERS.

Pte. H. F. Hollands is transferred
from No. 2 Section Art. Btry. to
Scouts Coy. (No. 3 Section) from this
date.

PROMOTIONS.

The under-mentioned promotions in the
Artillery Battery have been made with
effect from 9.8.16.—To be Sergeant, Gr.
R. Henderson; to be Corporal, Bomb.
J. C. Finch and Bomb. W. F. Bussford;
to be Actg. Corporal, Bomb. J. L.
MacPherson; to be Bombardier, Grs. J.
M. Jack, H. T. Heath, A. G. MacDonald
and W. Seash.

The under-mentioned members are
raised to the "Proficient" rate of
Engineer Pay from 1.8.16.—Electricians:
Sprs. A. W. Juster, A. G. Tickle, D.
W. Munton, G. N. Manley, L. B. Grimes,
C. Dickens, E. L. Stainfield and (At-
tached) J. Sim. Engineer Driver, Spr.
Warren Smith.

The under-mentioned member Engineer
Coy. is reduced to 6d. rate for one month
from 1.8.16.—Spr. M. T. H. Blake.

PARADES.

Monday, 14th inst.—5.15 p.m. Left
Centre, Right Sections M.G. Co.
Scouts Coy., and Civil Service Coy. out-
side Corps of Justice, and proceed by
car to Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m. Recruits
of all units at Headquarters under Corp.
Grimes.

Tuesday, 15th inst.—5.30 p.m. Stretcher
Bearer Section at Headquarters.
Signalling Section "A" "B" and "C"
classes at R. A. Theatre. Mounted Sec-
tion on Polo Ground.

Wednesday, 16th inst.—5.30 p.m. Sign-
alling Section "A" class at R. A.
Theatre.

Thursday, 17th inst.—5.30 p.m. Sign-
alling Section "A" "B" and "C"
classes at R. A. Theatre.

Friday, 18th inst.—5.30 p.m. Recruits
of all units at Headquarters. C.M.S.
Witchell and Corp. Grimes will attend.
Art. Btry. 10pr. B.L. gun drill at Gun
Club Hill. Serg. Bradley will attend.
Hongkong residents parade at Star Ferry
Wharf 5.00 p.m.

Saturday, 19th inst.—2.30 p.m., and
Sunday, 20th inst., 9.00 a.m.—Engineer
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Btry.

On duty, 22nd inst.: Left Sec. M.G.
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On duty, 23rd inst.: Right Sec. M.G.
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On duty, 24th inst.: No. 2 Sec. Art.
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No. 3 Dock Kowloon	121	12 1/2	17	1	1
Queen's Wharf, No. 1 Kowloon	121	12 1/2	17	1	1
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THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

STANISLAU OCCUPIED.

PURSUING THE BEATEN ENEMY.

LONDON, Aug. 11. The Russians have occupied Stanislaw.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 11. The Russians took Stanislaw after a fight and are now following on the heels of the beaten enemy in a westerly direction.

THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE IN THE SERETH REGION.

14,000 PRISONERS IN A WEEK.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 11. A Russian official statement records continued advance on the right bank of the Sereth where over 14,000 prisoners have been captured since the 4th inst. The enemy loss has been enormous.

THE ITALIAN ADVANCE. AUSTRIAN HEADQUARTERS WRECKED.

HUNDREDS OF OFFICERS BURIED.

MILAN, Aug. 11. A feature of the fighting in Gorizia was the stubborn resistance of the Austrians. Hundreds of caves had been excavated in the mountains. Eight hundred Hungarians in a grotto at Podgora fought with bombs and maxims for a day and a night. Finally they were smoked out by straw and petroleum fires lighted at the entrance to the cave.

The Austrian Staff Headquarters, the Palace of Justice, in Gorizia was wrecked, and hundreds of officers were buried.

Most of the Italian prisoners who had been confined in caverns were liberated.

ROME, August 11. An official announcement says:—We have occupied the whole of the Dobrodo plateau and reached the line of Vallone.

Eastwards of this the enemy was completely routed and retired after being driven from his strongest defences in the San Michele-San Martino sector.

GERMANY'S "IMPERMEABLE WALL OF STEEL."

A DELUSION SHATTERED.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 11. While the Allies have been battering the enemy on every side for weeks, the Germans have observed complete silence regarding their intentions, and the German papers have been talking about "the impermeable wall of steel" on both frontiers.

The German communiqué this evening makes the first admission that the wall has been shaken, when it says that a regrouping of troops to meet the regrouping by the Russians is proceeding.

THE BALKAN FRONTIER.

FRENCH ADVANCE TOWARDS DOIRAN.

SALONIKA, Aug. 11. The French advanced and occupied a hill south, and a railway station five miles east, of Doiran.

THE FORCES AT SALONIKA.

PARIS, Aug. 11. General Sarrail has been formally appointed Generalissimo of the Allied Forces at Salonika and General Cordonier commands the French Army at Salonika.

THE EGYPTIAN FRONTIER.

FURTHER RETREAT OF THE TURKS.

LONDON, Aug. 11. An official report from Egypt states: The Turks have made a further retreat under pressure of our mounted troops.

Turkish counter-attacks were repulsed and the enemy's casualties were very heavy.

Our cavalry remained in observation of the enemy, who retired to their entrenchments.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

Sir Douglas Haig reports that north of Bazentin-le-Petit and north-west of Pozieres we have progressed.

North of Bazentin-le-Petit we inflicted considerable loss on the enemy in taking trenches on which a determined counter-attack was repulsed with heavy enemy loss.

We successfully raided a ruined farm within the enemy lines south of Ypres.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Aug. 11.

A communiqué says:—We destructively bombed enemy organisations north of the Somme.

There have been only minor operations elsewhere.

French air squadrons bombed the railway station and barracks at Vouziers and the railway station at Bazancourt.

PORTUGUESE TO FIGHT ON EUROPEAN FRONT.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

The President of Portugal telegraphing to the Paris Journal says:—

"We have already sent soldiers to East Africa. Now we are going to fight also on the European front where we shall be proud to co-operate with our Allies."

RELIEF MEASURES IN TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY GERMANY.

GERMANY DECLINES TO NEGOTIATE.

LONDON, Aug. 11. It is officially announced that Germany has declined to negotiate further regarding the offer made by the Allies with respect to relief in the territories occupied by Germany.

Great Britain has agreed to release for the Serbians, if necessary, 2,000 tons of Rumanian grain, to be controlled by the Allies, but has informed the Central Powers that as they possess enormous stocks of foodstuffs in Rumania they must provide for the Serbians in future.

KITCHENER MEMORIAL FUND.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

The Kitchener Memorial Fund amounts to over £213,000.

AMONG THE WOUNDED.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

Lieut. Colonel Lewis, husband of Edwina, daughter of the late Lord Roberts, has been wounded in action.

THE RECENT ZEPPELIN RAID.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

An official statement says:—

There have now been eight deaths as a result of the air raid on the 8th inst.

The total damage was four small houses and a shop wrecked, three houses and three shops damaged and a number of small houses and cottages slightly damaged. Fifty feet of a colliery railway was torn up and a horse killed.

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TYPHOON WARNING.

THREE TYPHOONS REPORTED.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate from the Manila Observatory at 1 p.m. to-day:—

Typhoon in about 108° Long E. and 19° Lat. N. moving west.

Typhoon in about 127° Long E. and 23° Lat. N. inclining northward.

Typhoon in about 117° Long E. and 22° Lat. N. direction unknown.

The only one of these three which may trouble the Colony is the last which would seem from the latitude and longitude given to be in the neighbourhood of the Pratas.

The first one is in the Gulf of Tonkin and the second east of Formosa.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH OFFENSIVE.

NO CHANGE.

LONDON, Aug. 10. General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, states:—The position is unchanged.

Enemy parties advancing south of Martincourt have been repulsed.

With trench-mortars and maxims we repulsed enemy raiders at Martincourt and no attack developed.

MANY AERIAL COMBATS.

Our aeroplanes continued to bomb enemy billets and other points of military importance.

Several enemy machines were driven down in hostile territory in the course of many aerial combats yesterday.

Three of our machines have not returned.

BAD WEATHER HAMPERING OPERATIONS.

PARIS, Aug. 10. A communiqué states:—The day has been quiet, except for a lively cannonade north of the Somme and in the region of Thiaumont.

Bad weather continues to hamper our operations.

EPIC STRUGGLE AT GUILLEMONT.

PARIS, Aug. 11.

The approaches to Guillemont were the scene of an epic struggle.

A vigorous British attack was barred by Brandenburgers for six hours.

A hand-to-hand combat ensued, at the end of which the enemy resistance appreciably weakened.

The British advanced towards the village, and they reached the first houses by night-fall, fighting continuously.

Meanwhile the French diverted enemy contingents adjacent to Guillemont, and their progress enabled them to menace and bombard the village from three sides.

The enemy remaining is not likely to hold out long.

THE BRITISH ON THE POZIERES PLATEAU.

PARIS, Aug. 11.

The British now hold all the positions necessary for further progress on the Pozieres plateau, but they must consolidate their conquests before re-attacking.

THE ITALIAN VICTORY IN GORIZIA.

ROME, Aug. 11.

A communiqué says:—The enemy territory captured by the Italians extends to twenty kilometres in length and five kilometres in depth.

The fall of Aosta was certain when the Duke of Aosta's army stormed the fortified heights west of Gorizia and crossed the bridgeless Isone.

FIERCE ONSLAUGHTS.

It is semi-officially emphasised in Rome that the three days' fighting ending in the capture of Gorizia represents one of the most important and fiercest onslaughts on fortified positions in the war up till now.

The Austrians had specially strengthened Gorizia, which was made a strategic pivot.

The rapidity of the Italian success was due not merely to formidable artillery and determination on the part of the infantry, but to the secrecy of the preparations for the attack.

The Austrians imagined that their invasion of Trentino had exhausted the Italians; but General Cadorna, while maintaining pressure on Trentino, proceeded by the inner lines between Trentino and the Isone to transport troops and material over to the Isone and launched his offensive at the chosen moment with terrible and irresistible violence.

UNDUE OPTIMISM.

DEPRECATED BY EXPERTS.

LONDON, Aug. 11. Undue optimism arising out of the Allies' successes is deprecated by experts, who point out that the Italians, must still conquer the bulk of an extensive natural fortress before reaching Trieste.

The fall of Stanislaw, which is cut off from railway communication between the enemy armies north and south of the Dniester, is unlikely without severe fighting.

Though Austria seems to be reeling, the collapse of Germany is not near.

FRENCH BOMBARD DOIRAN.

SALONIKA, Aug. 11.

The French have opened a bombardment of the town of Doiran (on the Greco-Serbian frontier).

HEAVY FIGHTING IN CAUCASUS AND NORTHERN PERSIA.

RUSSIANS RETIRE UNDER PRESSURE.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 11. A communiqué states:—There has been heavy fighting in the regions of Mush, Bitlis, and Van, and between Kermanshah and Hamadan.

The Russians in the region of Mush and Bitlis retired northwards under heavy enemy pressure.

The fighting between Kermanshah and Hamadan indicates a Russian effort to effect a junction with the British in Mesopotamia. (En.)

A DAMAGED ZEPPELIN.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 11.

The Telegram states that a badly damaged Zeppelin coming from the west descended in Belgium.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF TURKISTAN.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 10. General Kuropatkin has been appointed Governor-General of Turkistan.

THE KUT PRISONERS.

PROCEEDING TOWARDS TARSUS.

LONDON, Aug. 11. The Times states that a traveller saw the Kut prisoners proceeding towards Tarsus. They were in the poorest condition, being reduced to mere skin and bone.

Forty officers were in hospital at Tarsus, and were being well attended, but the Turks had very few medical supplies.

Reassuring messages, however, have been received in England from prisoners at Angora.

BRITISH PRISONERS IN TURKEY.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil announced that the Government had warned the Porte that they would be held personally responsible for the safety of the British prisoners in Turkey.

Mr. H. W. Foster stated that we have now 425 Turkish officers and 9,593 men prisoners, exclusive of those recently captured in Egypt.

HEALTH OF TROOPS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

In the House of Commons, Mr. H. W. Foster stated he feared that he could not say that the general health of the troops in Mesopotamia had been good, but every effort was being made to combat disease.

The Sanitary Commission in the Mediterranean had been sent to Mesopotamia to assist the local medical authority.

THE SITUATION IN PERSIA.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the situation in Persia had recently decidedly improved by the arrest and dispersal of the Germans and their agents.

There was good reason for hoping that the improvement will be maintained. He hoped that an Anglo-Persian arrangement respecting financial and other questions will shortly be made.

The Persian Government had shown a sincere desire to work with the Allies. (Cheers.) Anglo-Indian officers would be employed officiating the gendarmerie in Southern Persia.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 11.

During the debate in the Rigsdag on the Bill for ratifying the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States, the Ministers explained that the motive of the sale was the danger of eventual complications if Denmark continued, as in 1913, to decline the offer of the United States.

The Minister of Finance, replying to the Opposition criticisms, asked what Denmark could do if the United States seized the Islands.

The debate was adjourned.

LORD LANSLOWNE TO RESIGN.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

The Daily Chronicle states that Lord Lansdowne will shortly resign owing to failing health.

The resignation has no political significance.

TRAINING RESERVES.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

Regulations have been issued for the formation of a Training Reserve, composed of surplus recruits, in order to supplement the regular reserves.

The Training Reserve will be an available supply for any battalion whose reserves are exhausted. The training regiments will bear a number instead of a name.

LAND SETTLEMENT FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

In the House of Commons, Mr. H. J. Tennant stated that the Duke of Sutherland had offered an estate of 12,000 acres west of the river Naver, in the county of Sutherland, for land settlement by soldiers and sailors accepted.

AIR RAID ON VENICE.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

A Rome communiqué states:—Two persons were killed and some damage was done as a result of an air raid on Venice.

An Austrian communiqué states that twenty aeroplanes dropped three and a half tons of bombs on Venice, causing the greatest destruction. It is also stated they caused dozens of fires. One fire at the cotton mills is said to have been visible for twenty-five miles.

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GERMANY'S SUPPLIES.

THE PROCESS OF EXHAUSTION.

A NEUTRAL VIEW.

The New York "World" publishes, from its London Correspondent, a statement by a neutral resident of Rotterdam on the economic position and outlook of Germany. The dispatch runs:—

A neutral resident of Rotterdam, who speaks with complete up-to-date knowledge of the situation of Germany, gives an impressive account of its economic situation at this moment and its prospects for next year. His statements are not based on conjecture, but on first-hand knowledge and practically official data. He says:—

To comprehend Germany's economic position in the matter of food supply, present and prospective, you must divide the population into four classes. First, there is the agricultural class of 20,000,000. These are fed all right, because there is no scheme on earth that can prevent the class who raise the food from having what they want of it. There are probably 15,000,000 others, including soldiers, officials and workers for military purposes, who must also be fed. They have the first mortgage on all the food commanded by the State. There are 5,000,000 rich, more or less, who can always buy food in any country so long as it is there. This leaves about 25 millions of population who have got to face the pressure.

These consist of numbers of the industrial classes not working for the Government, the middle classes, shopkeepers, and so forth. They are living on a ration equivalent to 2,300 calories per day, 2,400 being the accepted and proved dietetic minimum. On that life can be maintained, without any frills either. The normal consumption of Great Britain is 4,500 calories per day.

How is it going to be in the future? Last year Germany had a poor cereal harvest—about 13,000,000 tons. They imported 9,000,000 tons more from Hungary and about 600,000 tons from Rumania. Of the 13,000,000 the State got possession of about 9,000,000, which, with imports, left the State about 19,000,000 to deal with. The balance remained with the growers. The State provided from this a broad ration of 2,200 calories per day, of which 30 per cent. were potatoes.

THIS YEAR'S HARVEST.

This year's harvest looks like being a good one. Sixteen million tons of cereals is the normal harvest, and although there has been considerable damage, I reckon they will get three millions more than last year. But that is not the critical point. When Germany started this war she had 23,500,000 cattle, of which 8,250,000 were needed for breeding, milk-cows, bulls, etc., and there were about 6,000,000 calves. They had a census on April 30, 1916, and then there were 19,800,000 cattle of all sorts, of which 8,250,000 were breeding cattle, and again 6,000,000 calves. That leaves about 5,200,000 cattle for consumption, of which, however, a large proportion are two-year-olds and consequently not of full slaughter value. The pig position is still less favourable, as they have slaughtered an immense proportion of pigs owing to the shortage of fodder.

The situation there is? They can go on for another 12 months, provided they kill everything except breeding stock, and they supply a dietetic minimum of the fat and protein without which no human being can exist. After that the position they will have arrived at will be a total economic debacle.

If you assume that they make peace this year they would be in such a position that it would take them four years to restore the cattle supply to its normal and necessary number, and during that four years they would have to import Germany's total meat supply. There is not enough meat in the world for that or anything like it. The world was getting short of meat even before the war. They will want 6,000,000 cattle and the equivalent of 4,000,000 pigs per annum for four years from abroad.

So the intelligent German is beginning to sit down and think over the prospect, and his thoughts turn to peace. Meat and his thoughts turn to peace. Meat and his thoughts turn to peace.

Prices are bound to soar after the war, and Germany's requirements of 5,000,000 cattle and 4,000,000 pigs per annum will cost her, landed, not less than £20 per head if she could get them; which she cannot.

Let us suppose she spreads her importations over eight years. Then she will have to go without half her minimum meat supply for those years. But suppose she could buy this meat in four years and pay for it, which is another stiff problem for her, could she find transport for it? It is impossible; there are not enough available ships. That is the food outlook Germany must face after the war.

What about her industrial situation? Germany is dry of raw materials except for toys, spinning dyes, and some drugs. These are the only things she can export at once after the war. Before she can manufacture anything Germany must get the raw material. She has no copper, lead, or other base metals needed for her iron and steel manufacture. She must import all these. She will absolutely require to import 200,000 tons of manganese, copper, zinc, and other things before she can start her manufacture in this department alone. It is the same with her textile trades. They find at their mercy. Great loss of life has been spared. But to win the war by economic exhaustion alone would be a thing for the future. Germany would have to pay until they can export.

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manufactures. That's Germany's position. If she could get peace with this coming harvest it would save her importing 5,000,000 tons of cereals; that is all. The other more insoluble problems will remain. If the war goes on for another year and then she makes peace, Germany will be totally and absolutely smashed economically. The raw material she will require must run into large sums—and where is she to get money or its equivalent in manufactured goods for export? She can't do it. She can get nothing from Austria. From the military point she must collapse in a year from now, but even if she got peace to-morrow, she would collapse economically all the same. They want peace, they want it hard, but don't know how to get it. There is what we may call a futuristic political party in Berlin, which Beismann Hollweg aims at leading, a party that is looking to handling tremendous post-war problems. Beismann is flying kites and asking for less each time, but he cannot concede the terms to make peace acceptable to the Allies. The Army chief won't allow him, and if he offered such terms he would be driven from power.

I don't believe much in popular revolutions in Germany to rid itself of militarism. The idea that each man's supreme duty is to work for the State is so ingrained in the German character after centuries of schooling that it is firmly believe it would be replaced by another practically the same in some new guise.

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